

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, for over two decades past and present, General Assemblies of the State of Indiana have invested in the development of high-technology initiatives to benefit student learning;

Whereas, this development has resulted in making Indiana one of the premier states in the nation for developing the first and best educational programs that incorporate innovative uses of technology;

Whereas, the Buddy Project, having served over 30,000 students, is established for the purpose of extending learning opportunities beyond the bounds of school time and place through the use of home-based technologies to meet curriculum goals;

Whereas, the Indiana Web Academy, currently serving over 200 school corporations, is a joint program of the Indiana Department of Education and the Intelenet Commission, established to empower educators, parents and students to integrate technology into education through accredited professional development, certification programs and technology resources;



Whereas, the Indiana Department of Education has provided exemplary leadership for support and development of such innovative and collaborative programs as exemplified in the IndianaNEXT initiative to develop technology leadership skills among our school principals and superintendents;

Whereas, the Indiana Online Academy represents a new venture into the world of virtual online courses for high school students to engage in anytime, anywhere learning;

Whereas, the Vision Athena distance learning initiative is the world's largest and arguably the best and most innovative public-switched, two-way video network over fiber serving 350 Indiana schools, museums, other cultural institutions, medical centers and universities, and provides in excess of 50,000 hours of interactive educational programming annually, taking students live and interactively across the globe, below the Atlantic Ocean to explore underwater life, to the Iditerod in Alaska, to classrooms in Europe, and many other fascinating venues; and

Whereas, Indiana learning institutions, such as the Indiana Humanities Council's Smart Desktop Project, the Indiana Council for Economic Education, the Buddy Teaching and Learning Center, Inspire, and My Target, continue to develop innovative tools and strategies for teaching and learning that incorporate effective uses of technology: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the General Assembly of the State of
- 2 Indiana acknowledges the contributions of the aforementioned
- 3 programs, among the best in the nation, toward making Indiana
- 4 a leader in the integration of technology for continuous
- 5 educational improvement.
- 6 SECTION 2. That the General Assembly of the State of



1 Indiana commends the thousands of Indiana educators who
2 strive daily to integrate the power of technology with
3 curriculum for the advancement of student learning.

4 SECTION 3. That the General Assembly of the State of
5 Indiana celebrates our students' successes in using technology
6 for learning to ensure the academic and economic well-being of
7 the great State of Indiana in the decades to come.

8 SECTION 4. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
9 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Ken Scales of the
10 Indiana Web Academy to reproduce and distribute among all
11 organizations named herein.

